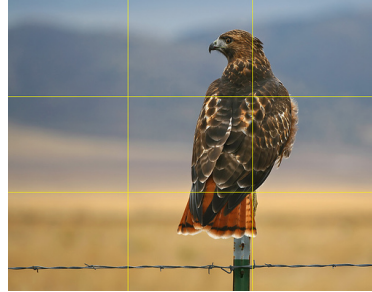


# COMPOSITION

Composition is how you arrange the things you want to photograph. Even if you have all the right settings on your camera and you have something really nice to photograph, you can lose a lot of “value” to the shot if it’s not composition the right way. So here are some basic rules and ideas:



**Rule of Third** Rule of third is one of the basic “rules” photographers use to get a good composition. Before you take a photo you divide your photo in to thirds, both vertically and horizontally. Now the best places to place your object that you want to get the most attention on one of the lines that crosses another line.



Another way of using the rule of third is using the lines to get the best composition. In this shot, I didn’t want to use the crossing points, because I didn’t want the jetty to be on either side of the picture. So I used the top line to guide my photo.

Today’s Assignment:

- Rule of Thirds. Provide 2 examples. The examples must be different and have the subject placed at different locations on the grid.
- Level Horizon. Provide 2 examples of the same subject. In one example, have a tilted horizon. In the other, have a level horizon.

- Fill the Frame. Sometimes it's best to fill the frame, other times not. You will take 2 photos each of 2 subjects, one "zoomed out" and the other zoomed in" with the frame filled.
- Take 2 pictures of the same person. For the first photo, center the person in the frame. In the second photo, place them off-center. Try to make the photo interesting by photographing the person doing something rather than just standing and staring at the camera. Also, choose an interesting background for them.
- Head and Shoulders. Take a number of 'portrait' style photos of people; head and shoulders. These can be posed shots or candid of your subjects doing activities. Choose your two favorite photos.